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ARSON AND HOMICIDE 700 BLOCK EAST 37TH STREET ***UPDATE – APRIL 30, 2012***

The deceased victim from this incident has been identified as **Ramon Soto Gutierrez, 67-years old**. Next of kin have been identified. Detectives continue working to identify the cause of the fire and death in addition to the motive(s) and suspect(s) associated with the incident. Anyone having information regarding this incident is urged to call **911 or 88-Crime**.

Sergeant Maria Hawke – April 30, 2012

The Tucson Police Department responded to assist the Tucson Fire Department with the investigation of a fire that occurred at a residence in the **700 Block of East 37th Street** on the morning of April 28, 2012. At approximately 10:09 a.m., the Tucson Fire Department was notified that a house was on fire in the 700 Block of East 37th Street. Upon arrival, they found the residence fully engulfed. Firefighters forced entry to the residence in order to determine if there were any persons inside. Once they entered the house, they located a male, who was unconscious in the residence. They quickly determined that the male was deceased, and contacted the Tucson Police Department for additional assistance. Officers from Operations Division South responded to the area. Additionally, detectives from the Arson Investigations Unit responded to help further the examination into the cause of the fire and circumstances surrounding the male's death. The male has not yet been identified, but is believed to be an adult male.

During the course of the Arson investigation, the detectives determined that the death of the male was suspicious in nature. Specifics regarding the reason why the death was deemed to be suspicious in nature are being withheld at this time for investigative reasons. The death of the male is being investigated as a homicide, and detectives from the Homicide Unit also responded to assist with the investigation. The detectives and officers collectively conducted a canvass of the neighborhood. In addition, several witnesses to the fire were interviewed. A specific suspect and motive have not yet been identified for this incident.

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At this time, the Tucson Police Department seeks public assistance to obtain information related to the suspect(s) and motive for the fire and homicide incident. Anyone having information about the incident is asked to call **911 or 88-Crime**.

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